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Council Defeats Controversial Proposals

The Town Council last Monday night defeated a proposal to establish a section of the supplemental budget in which \$75,000 would be appropriated for the purpose of revaluation of all town properties at 100% of fair market value. This denial of funds for the revaluation is in direct opposition to a state order to have it done at the town's expense.

Town Manager Peter Caputo explained that, according to his information, Agawam is the last town in the state to move on this 100% valuation issue, which he termed an "unfair" project that would raise taxes. He said the total cost of the revaluation would amount to \$150,000, but only \$75,000 needed to be appropriated at this time.

Council Defeats Revaluation Appropriation

With Councilor Fred Serra absent, the 14 members of the council present voted 9-5 in favor of the motion to appropriate the money, but a two-thirds majority of ten votes was called for and the motion was defeated. Voting in the negative were Councilors Cincotta, Laduzinski, Nardi, Paleologopoulos, and Theroux.

Caputo stated that he will be consulting with the town attorney on possible alternatives to this vote.

A second item proposed to be included in the supplemental budget was a \$54,000 appropriation for outside ambulance service. After considerable discussion as to no actual savings accruing from such a move, the council unanimously defeated the motion.

"Moving Too Rapidly"

Caputo praised the service provided by the Fire Department EMT's, but explained this service becomes expensive due to the nature of their contract.

Councilor Kenneth Barnes stated, "This is all moving too rapidly. We all know the money quoted by the private company will not hold steady come July 1, and I don't believe it will cost the town \$54,000 to run the ambulance." He was applauded by citizens in the audience when he emphasized that this particular topic is not to be based strictly on dollars and cents alone.

Councilor Robert DeForge agreed with Barnes that not enough time had been given to studying the finances and ramifications of transferring the ambulance to a private company. He noted that the town had already invested a considerable amount of money in training five new EMT's who are now about ready to go on the job.

Councilor Dennis Roberts concurred saying that much of the overtime money spent in the Fire Department covered release time provided so these men could attend EMT training and now they're done.

No Savings Seen

Several councilors stated they saw only extra cost with no actual savings coming from the proposed transfer to a private company. Councilor William Herd explained, "As I see it, we're attributing a lot of overtime to the ambulance when it's really due to something else like the two men on long-term sick leave." The other councilors seemed to agree on not seeing any actual savings as they

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Furnace Program Receives Council Green Light

The Town Council has approved the establishment of a supplemental account earmarked for furnace conversion in five schools beginning late this fall. The account was labelled an inflation fighter by Town Manager Peter Caputo.

Burn Gas And Oil

The program, proposed by Maintenance Director Julian Miodowski, will have the five schools burning gas and oil at an estimated cost of \$60,000.

The council approved the plan by a 13-1 vote Monday night. Veteran councilor Frederick Nardi was the lone dissenter. Nardi was upset that Caputo recommended the establishment of the supplemental budget instead of looking towards other municipal accounts to locate the necessary money to fund the program.

Remarkd Nardi, "We won't die of cancer if we wait a little bit longer. We should wait until we have the money before setting up this program, and if it means waiting for a year, fine," he added.

Energy Savers

Caputo, however, noted that the time factor in converting the furnaces into energy savers for the upcoming winter was the issue at this time. He said the heating oil issue could build into a crisis situation before the winter is over.

The manager forwarded seven funding sources the council could tap for the project's support. He said he had met with municipal department heads and School Department Business Manager James Coon to discuss the availability of funds in their respective budgets. The decision to create a supplemental account, says Caputo, was based on it being the best alternative to suit quickly the town's needs.

Caputo told the 14 councilors, "There is sufficient precedent in town records for setting up a supplemental budget to meet specific town needs. The other alternatives just don't appear very viable at this time. If we wait, the cost to initiate the program will only escalate with inflation."

The other funding alternatives Caputo listed were the free cash flow, the general reserve account, the school

department budget, the school maintenance budget, and the State Energy Department.

According to Caputo, energy department officials told him that emergency energy funds to cities and towns could be available at a later date. "I'll apply for the funds, but they are not guaranteed," he said.

Apply Pressure On The School Board

Nardi recommended that Caputo apply pressure on the School Committee to fund Miodowski's proposal. He also suggested that the projected runover in funds for the Cooper Street library's construction could likewise be utilized to defray the costs for the furnace program.

Coon, according to Caputo, said that no money is available in the school department's new fiscal outlay, which prompted Nardi to reply, "Other communities have cut back in their school budget. Why can't that department find some money to pay for this?"

Councilor Paul Fieldstad, chairman of the Library Building Committee, told Nardi that \$45-50,000 would be remaining from the construction account after the Economic Development Agency inspected the facility.

"We're not even sure if we can use the leftover funds for the furnace program," Caputo stated to Nardi. "Again, I think the important thing to remember here is the time factor. We have to do it now to save the town money."

Slash Heating Budget

According to estimates compiled by Caputo and Miodowski, the town could slash this year's heating budget of \$420,000 by nearly \$100,000 over the next two years.

Miodowski told the council at a workshop session August 27 that a study conducted by the Maintenance Department revealed that expending the \$60,000 to convert the furnaces to burn natural gas "would pay itself back to the town in the long run."

Caputo estimated that the community will have to spend an additional \$129,000 to heat schools this winter despite the implementation of the program. Caputo, however, stressed the estimated future savings as a crucial factor in spending the \$60,000 now.

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King's Stand On River Pleases Local Reps.

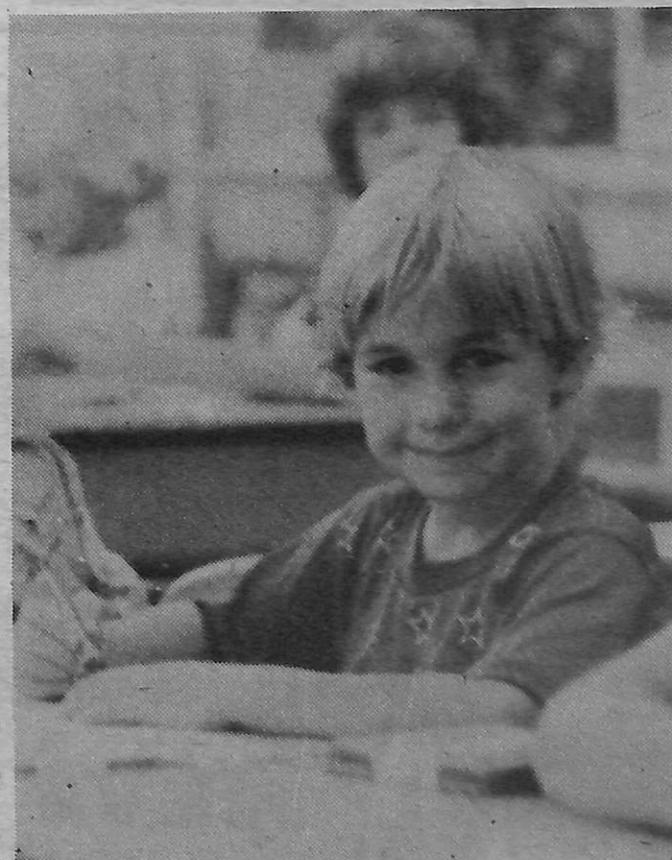
Representatives Edward W. Connelly (R-Agawam) and Walter A. DeFilippi (R-W. Spfld. & Holyoke 1 & 2) announced recently that they were "ver pleased" with Governor King's stand on diversion of water from the Connecticut River in Northfield to Quabbin Reservoir and the M.D.C. and Boston. Representatives Connelly and DeFilippi and 10 other representatives met with Gov. King, Secretary of Environmental Affairs Bewick, and M.D.C. Commissioner Carbone to discuss diversion.

At the meeting, the Western Massachusetts representatives urged Gov. King to push for repair of the Boston water system as well as water conservation before water diversion contemplated. Rep. DeFilippi stated, "You don't keep putting gas into a leaky tank just to keep it full; you fix it first."

Rep. Connelly said, "Gov. King realizes that water diversion is only a short-term, simple solution to an extremely complex problem. He indicated he will push for repair of the urban water system and water conservation before diversion. He said diversion is only a policy of last resort and we intended to hold him to this policy. Gov. King also agreed to work with federal officials and congressmen to obtain needed legislation and funding to repair the Boston system."

Connelly, DeFilippi, and other Western Massachusetts representatives plan to work with Gov. King and Congressman Boland to insure that Massachusetts first addresses Boston's plumbing problems rather than water diversion. They said, "With proper urban repair and water conservation, it is possible that no diversion need take place."

First Grade is Fun!!



Robert Trask, a first grade student at Peirce School, told photographer Gail Loncto that he "liked school" but "forgot" what he had learned this particular day. Well, there's always tomorrow!

School Lunch Menus

AGAWAM SCHOOL MENU

Monday, Sept. 24: 1/2 chicken salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter and jelly sandwich, buttered green beans, potato puffs w/ketchup, peaches w/whip topping, milk
Tuesday, Sept. 25: Cold meat & cheese sandwich in roll, mustard & mayonaise, tossed salad w/spinach greens, applesauce cake w/icing, milk
Wednesday, Sept. 26: Chilled juice, baked hamburger and macaroni in tomato sauce, creamy cabbage & carrot salad, jello w/whip topping, milk
Thursday, Sept. 26: Steamed frankfurt in roll, mustard & relish, baked beans, oven French fries, chocolate cake w/butter icing, milk
Friday, Sept. 28: Oven roast turkey in gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered niblet corn, bread & butter, ice cream, milk.

SOUTHWICK SCHOOL MENU

Monday, Sept. 24: Sliced turkey, cheese, & lettuce grinder, pickles, Brian potatoes, buttered green beans, apple and milk
Tuesday, Sept. 25: Meat sauce w/shells, buttered carrots, tossed salad w/dressing, French bread w/butter, cookies, milk
Wednesday, Sept. 26: Hamburger on bun, pickles, au gratin potatoes, lettuce & tomato salad w/dressing, banana, milk
Thursday, Sept. 27: Tacos w/lettuce, tomatoes, & cheese, Spanish rice, buttered corn, pears, milk
Friday, Sept. 28: Fish & cheese on bun, tartar sauce & catsup, French fries, cole slaw, orange jello, milk

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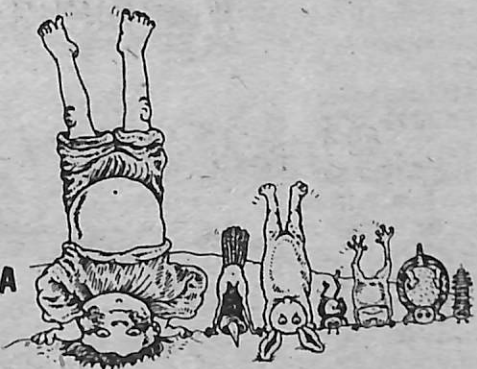
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School Committee Candidates' Night Scheduled

Candidates Night for those running for positions on the Agawam School Committee will be held on Thursday, September 27, beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Robinson Park School cafeteria.

This forum, sponsored by the Robinson Park School Parent-Teacher Organization, will allow each candidate a brief period of time to express his/her position on current issues and then an informal question-and-answer session will take place.

With this Candidates' Night, an attempt has been made to bring together all the candidates running for the seven openings on our School Committee so that the voters of Agawam will have an opportunity to hear them speak and get to know their qualifications. The Robinson Park School PTO strongly encourages all of the citizens of Agawam to attend this event and get acquainted with the officials who make the crucial decisions affecting our children and our schools.

A brief business meeting of the PTO at 8:00 p.m. will precede the Candidates Night.

Wide Horizons Team Finalizes Project

On September 21st and 22nd, teachers from the Phelps and Danahy Schools will gather at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum to finalize their curriculum plans for the Wide Horizons project.

Wide Horizons, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education and coordinated by the Cultural Enrichment Collaborative, gives Agawam elementary school teachers the opportunity to work closely with the staff of local museums and to use the museums' collections to enrich their teaching.

Janis Noyes and Marjorie Carter from Danahy School and Lisa Astifan, Josette Bouchie and Robert Shea from Phelps School worked with the staff of the Smith Art Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts in a two-week summer institute in early August. Under the direction of museum consultant Arlene Richards, the teachers explored many of the museums' galleries and researched the lives of famous American and European artists. They also experimented with such Japanese customs as the tea ceremony, samurai armor, lacquerware, Noh masks, and the kimono and obi.

During the summer institute, the teachers and Richards also developed two "cultural kits" - curriculum packets which use the museums' resources to teach basic subjects such as English or history.

The "self-awareness" kit will give kindergarten through second-grade students the chance to discover and express their sense of self through viewing and creating different art forms.

"Faces and Places" will allow third through fifth-grade students to use painting, sculpture and architecture to explore the cultures of Japan and of the American Old West and to compare those cultures to the American culture of today.

The workshop at the Smith Art Museum on the 21st and 22nd will give the teachers another opportunity to work with the museum staff to modify and polish the activities in both cultural kits before the kits are put into use during this school year.

Senior Center Wright St., Agawam

SR. CENTER MENU

9/21: Tuna loaf, red beet salad, cookies
 9/24: Beef hash, creamed corn, pears
 9/25: Oven baked chicken, noodles, peas, jello
 9/26: Hamburger patties, potato puffs, mixed vegetables, pudding
 9/27: Bratwurst, mashed potatoes, cabbage, applesauce
 9/28: Fish, parsleyed rice, lettuce, cake

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Dr. Haynes' foot clinic: Oct. 3

Exercise Class starts Monday, Oct. 1, at 9:30.

We need 6 more people to start the square dancing group. Any one interested call Margarete or Dorothy.

We are planning to start our exercise class again on Monday mornings. We have a new teacher, Mrs. Viola Smith, who has a lot of experience doing exercises with Seniors. Please sign up as soon as possible so we will know whether we have a full class. Classes will start October 1st.

We also hope to start the square dancing group again on the same day. Here, too, we will only contract with the caller if we have a big enough group. We have to know soon, otherwise it will be impossible to get a caller. Please contact either Dorothy or Margarete.

766 Parent Advocate Training Program

The Education Committee of the Westfield Area Council for Children in cooperation with the Pioneer Valley ACLD (Association for Children with Learning Disabilities) has recently completed plans for a 766 Parent Advocate Training Program. It will be held Thursday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m., beginning October 4th and ending December 6th. The nine training sessions will be held at the Council for Children offices at 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield.

The purpose of the training program is to create a pool of trained advocates who could be available to assist parents through the 766 process. They will be trained in the special education law and familiarized with the new Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Other areas that will be covered include sessions on the various handicaps of special needs children and guests from various local agencies concerning their role in supportive involvement. With the completion of the 9-week course, the Parent Advocate will be able to provide information and support to area parents throughout the 766 evaluation process.

Applications may be secured from the Westfield Area Council for Children office, 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield. There will be no charge for the 9-week course. Parents of children who have already been through the 766 process would make excellent candidates for this program. I would increase their knowledge of Chapter 766 and give them the opportunity to assist other parents through the complicated 766 process.

However, it is not necessary to be a 766 parent to be eligible for this training program. Persons with about three hours per week to volunteer to advocate for other parents are encouraged to apply. The training program is open to citizens from the Westfield area, including Agawam, Southwick, West Springfield, Granville, Tolland, and the Gateway towns of Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Montgomery, and Russell.

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AHS Band Starts Year

Agawam High Band and Color Guard looks forward to a good year with some 160 members, including 90 musicians, 24 students in the sophomore flag section, 20 junior flags, 12 rifles, 3 sabres, 4 captains, 2 drum majors, plus an honor guard and banner.

Band Director Darcy Davis will again be assisted by Daniel Melbourne, and the Color Guard will have as head instructor Ms. Mary Helen Schuman, a theater/dance major at the University of Massachusetts who also instructs the university's flag corps and was a member of the national champion drum corps, the 27th Lancers from Boston.

The student leaders of the band provide a great deal of help in training members. These include drum majors Patricia Smith and Carol Boucher, color guard captains Dina Gatti, Lisa Antico, Karen Duggan and Pam Viens. All of these girls attended week-long summer workshops during the summer to better enable them to fulfill their duties. In all, 20 of the color guard members attended a four-day workshop at Holy Cross College to improve their skills.

Band officers who will also greatly aid in running the large group include the following: Edward Frighetto, president; Charles Withee, vice president; Susan Milar, secretary; Michael Chmura, treasurer; Corinne Tessicini, librarian; and Scott Mackin, manager.

Assisting on the scene this fall will be Kenneth Longstreet, a senior at Westfield State College who will be practice teaching with Mr. Davis and Mr. Baldock during the first months of school.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frighetto will head up the Band and Color Guard Parents with Mrs. Phyllis Ouellette serving as liaison parent for color guard activities.

Information Offered On Reyes Syndrome

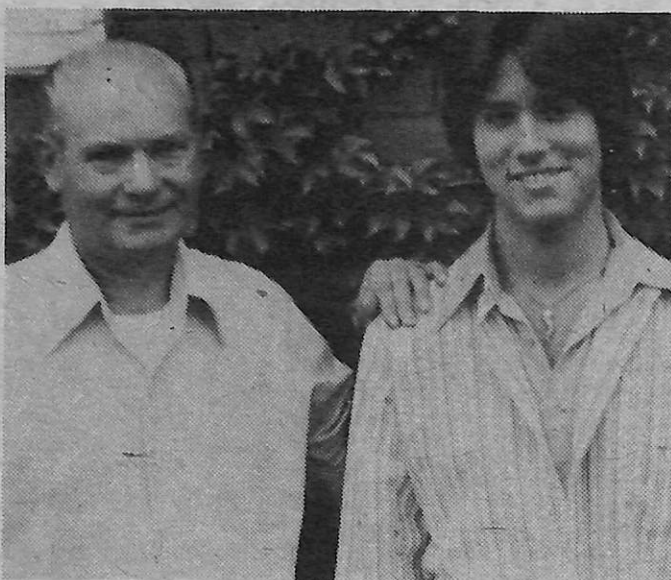
Mrs. Aprille Soderman, Public Affairs Chairman of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, has announced the club's cooperation with the International Year of the Child Symposium on the newly-discovered Reyes Syndrome disorder.

This disorder can affect any child. It usually follows a viral disease and the median age of susceptibility is 8 years old, although it has been found in adults 23 years old as well. It can result in a variety of neurological disorders including blindness and death.

Some major breakthroughs have occurred in Canada where the International Medical Symposium met earlier this year. They released information that there are strong leads being investigated into the connection between viral disease, contact with environmental chemicals, and the onset of Reyes Syndrome.

The Agawam Juniors will be sending in a group order for bumper stickers and informational booklets this month. The stickers read: "If you love children-learn about Reyes Syndrome-it can be deadly." The cost is 25 cents to cover postage and handling. Anyone wishing to order a bumper sticker may contact the National Reyes Syndrome Foundation, 8293 Homestead Road, Benzonia, Michigan 49616.

Take time today to find out more about this dangerous childhood disease!



Mr. Anthony Baszak, left, and son Mark.

Baszak Wins Behrend Scholarship

An Agawam man, whose father is a 25-year employee of the Strathmore Paper Company, has received an \$825 E.R. Behrend scholarship. Mark A. Baszak, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Baszak of Mill Street, has returned to his studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where he is majoring in music theory and composition.

The Behrend scholarships, three of which are awarded each year to the children of Strathmore employees, memorialize E.R. Behrend, founder of the Hammermill Paper Company of Erie, Pennsylvania. Strathmore is a division of Hammermill.

Mr. Baszak, who has studied piano for five years and has played the clarinet since fourth grade, also has an interest in popular and jazz music and composition. He has written some popular songs which he may decide to submit to a publisher.

Jr. Grange To Meet

Community Junior Grange 105 will meet on September 24, 1979, at 6:30 p.m. The program will be installation of officers by Charles Hastings.

This will be an open meeting so that parents, friends, and prospective members may attend.



AHS Band Provides Loyal Support

The Agawam High Band and Color Guard represent a good portion of the student rooting section for high school teams. They are among some of the staunchest supporters of the football team as well as of other teams and events at the school. With lung and vocal power as well as the instrumental renditions of favorite school songs and the ever-growing kickline for celebration after touchdowns, they add to the color and excitement of the games.

Many of the band members are members of teams (soccer, field hockey, cross-country, and even football) and they represent some of the busiest members of the student body. Many also serve as class officers, staff members for the yearbook and *Mirror*, honor society, and other groups. Members really have to be dedicated to their band and color guard activity which requires well over 400 hours of practice and performance during the year, most of which comes on afternoons, evenings and weekends.

In addition to their musical and marching skills, the colorful uniforms of the band and color guard have brought them accolades as one of the most spectacular groups in the New England area. Even though the style has not changed through the years, the bright colors and use of the Indian motif for color guard have made them much sought after for events throughout the region. It is truly rewarding to walk beside the group in a parade before thousands of people and hear the comments and crowd reaction as they pass by.

Members have a lot of pride in their abilities and past accomplishments and, most importantly, a willingness to work hard to add to that record.

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Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution reminds the people of the Greater Springfield area that this week starts the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. By proclamation of the President of the United States and by an Act of Congress, the week of September 17 - 23 is designated as Constitution Week.

One hundred and ninety-two years ago this year, a group of strong-willed men gathered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to mend and remold a divided land. The Articles of Confederation, which had gone into effect in 1781, had failed and the task of creating a new national government was immense. These men feared abuse of power by political parties as much as they did abuses by kings. Thus our constitution, the cornerstone of freedom, was written to protect every American from such abuses and to grant each American the freedom of religion, press, and speech, and the right of petition and assembly. We must maintain constant vigilance to protect these rights and freedoms, for once they are lost to us, they can never be regained.

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Marcela Arana

By Joanne Brown

Marcela Arana is a tall, attractive blond student from Bolivia studying at Agawam High this year under the auspices of the American Field Service (AFS). She is staying with the host family of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Orr and their daughter Christine and son Matthew of 86 South Westfield Street. The AFS is also sponsoring an Australian student, Grant Wood, who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Curran of Duclos Drive.

Marcela comes to Agawam from the city of Santa Cruz, which is Bolivia's largest in area and second largest in population. Marcela describes her city at home as similar in some ways to Agawam. She says that American movies, music, and dancing are "everywhere." Many of her friends at home sing along to the English words of our songs even though they don't always understand the meanings. She usually goes twice a week to the movies, most of which are from the United States.

Coincidentally, Marcela attends a school at home named after a well-known member of the Roman Catholic hierarchy here in Massachusetts. Cardinal Cushing School is a small Catholic school for girls that incorporates grades kindergarten through 12 for a total registration of 700. Students there are required to wear uniforms usually, but may don jeans during "winter" season when the temperatures may drop to 60 degrees.

Classes for grades 8 to 12 take place between 7:15 and 12:30 in the morning, and for grades K to 7, each afternoon. Students from 8th grade on must take 14 subjects per year and must pass each one or will not be allowed to graduate. Among these required courses are Spanish,

English, biology, civics, philosophy, psychology, history, and math. She will still have three months to go in their school year after she returns from the United States.

Marcela explains that they have no extra-curricular clubs or sports at her school, although she does play the accordion. Soccer is the popular sport in her country, but she expressed amazement after witnessing the football rally staged at the high school last week just before the first game of the season.

The AFS program in Bolivia is very active. Marcela became involved in the program through her two sisters who each spent time in the United States - one in Ohio through the Rotary Club and the other in Illinois through AFS. From her city of Santa Cruz this year there are three other students in the United States and one in Germany. This is not Marcela's first trip to the U.S., though, as she has vacationed in Miami and visited relatives in North Carolina and Buffalo, New York.

At home along with her mother and two brothers, her father is an automobile salesman for a Toyota franchise, but she says he hasn't sold a car in two years. Bolivia is trying to develop its own auto manufacturing industry and is discouraging purchase of foreign cars. Instead, her father has luck selling "micro-buses," which are widely used for travelling. Regular buses are very crowded and one often has to stand. The micro-buses are smaller and everyone gets a seat.

Marcela finds life in Agawam always on the move with everyone usually in a hurry to do something or go somewhere. She describes a typical Sunday evening in Santa Cruz as one when most of the townspeople meet in the "square" in the center of town and talk leisurely for hours.

Another favorite event at home for Marcela is the annual carnival held throughout Bolivia in February. Not unlike what we know as Mardi Gras, this carnival has everyone dress in typical folk outfits. Women wear brightly-colored, knee-length dresses, and men sport white pants, shirt, and hat. According to Marcela, the clothing worn by the men is very commonly seen on farmers in her country.

One favorite Marcela has adopted here in the United States is ice cream, which she says is much better than that at home. She also likes pizza and McDonalds hamburgers, an establishment that has not yet reached Santa Cruz.

She also enjoys her class in theater arts at Agawam High and hopes to do some acting in stage productions later this year. She is looking forward to viewing the autumn foliage in New England and to learning to ski on snow which she has never seen. She's studying piano at school now to go along with her talent on the accordion and is also looking around for a leatherworking class she thinks might be interesting.

The Orr family has already taken Marcela up to Canada for some hiking and is now trying to firm up some other travel plans for later in her year here. She did get to a meeting of AFS students held recently at Sturbridge Village and got to meet another Bolivian girl who is staying in Rhode Island.

Marcela shows genuine affection for her host family and they return that feeling. She puts her present situation very simply by saying "I'm happy!" I'm sure everyone here in Agawam wishes her the very best in the coming year that she is with us.

Pack 78 Seeks New Recruits

Cub Scout Pack 78 of the Polish American Club, Feeding Hills, will hold a combined pack meeting and 'school night' on Wednesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. at the Polish Club.

School night provides a chance for boys who are interested in joining the Cub Scouts to find out all about scouting. Any boy age 8-10 and/or have completed second grade, are invited to attend. Parents or an adult are requested to accompany any child attending. Refreshments will be served.

Come join the fun!!!

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September 26, 1979

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Pack 78

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September 29-30, 1979

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September 25, 1979

Community Grange

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8 P.M.

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Buxton Kicks Off United Way Campaign

Buxton Company of Agawam kicked off its United Way campaign last Monday morning. An impressive outdoor ceremony highlighted by a performance by the Agawam High School Band and Color Guard entertained the first shift employees of the plant prior to short explanations by Buxton officials on their "pace-setting" program.

William Crane, president of Buxton, stressed the United Way's services to Agawam and several other communities and stated that employees' contributions are double-barrelled insofar as Buxton matches their donations dollar for dollar.

Bill Siepierski local union president, quoted that "a candle loses nothing by lighting another candle" and urged the members of his union at Buxton to remember that the United Way is "all of us" and is there to help anyone in need.

The featured speaker on this occasion was Bishop Joseph F. McGuire of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield. Bishop McGuire told the group that he has personally visited some of the 55 member agencies in the United Way and realizes that people have to be our first concern. Recalling a proverb from St. Luke in the Bible, which tells of a poor widow donating even though she could ill afford to do so, he stressed that when one gives even if he really can't afford to, somehow the gift always seems to come back to him.

The theme for this year's campaign is "A Chance For Tomorrow - The United Way." A goal of over \$2 million has been set.

Review Secretarial Courses Offered By Bay Path

The Education/Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) Committee of Springfield Chapter, The National Secretaries Association (International) announces that review courses for the Certified Professional Secretary Examination will be offered this fall by Bay Path Junior College as part of their continuing education program.

The programs, which are divided into six modules, can be taken individually or in entirety. Each module will have a series of weekly sessions and includes, during the first semester, skills, techniques, and knowledge in the areas of Office Procedures, Financial analysis and Mathematics of Business, and Business and Public Policy. Second semester courses will include Economics and Management, Environmental Relationships in Business, and Communications and Decision Making.

The CPS examination is developed and administered by the Institute for Certifying Secretaries and is a department of NSA. The CPS rating is recognized as the measurement standard of proficiency for the secretarial profession. Out of a total of 5,580 secretaries who sat for the 1979 examination, only 1,060 were certified. Since the CPS program was initiated in 1951, a total of 13,124 secretaries have been certified.

The two-day, six-part examination, which will be given in May, 1980, at Bay Path, is based upon an analysis of secretaries work with emphasis on judgment, understanding, and administrative ability gained through education and work experience.

Further information regarding these courses may be obtained through the Adult Education Program at Bay Path College.



William Crane, president of Buxton, addresses crowd at United Way kickoff on Monday. One of the special guests on hand was Bishop Joseph F. McGuire. (third from left) photo by GAL

Mother Of Twins Club Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The Hampden County Mother Of Twins Club will celebrate a 20th Anniversary dinner on the founding of the club on Friday, November 2nd at the Rodeway Inn, Chicopee. All former members are invited. If interested, please send name, address, and telephone number to Hampden County M.O.T.C., P.O. Box 3297, Springfield, MA 01103.

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Registration Dates

Saturday, September 29th From 10:00 A.M. To 2:00 P.M. In The Agawam High School Cafeteria. If It Is Absolutely Impossible For You To Register On The Above Date, Mr. & Mrs. Mason Will Open Their Home At 857 Springfield St., Feeding Hills To Accept Registrations On Thursday & Friday, September 27th and 28th From 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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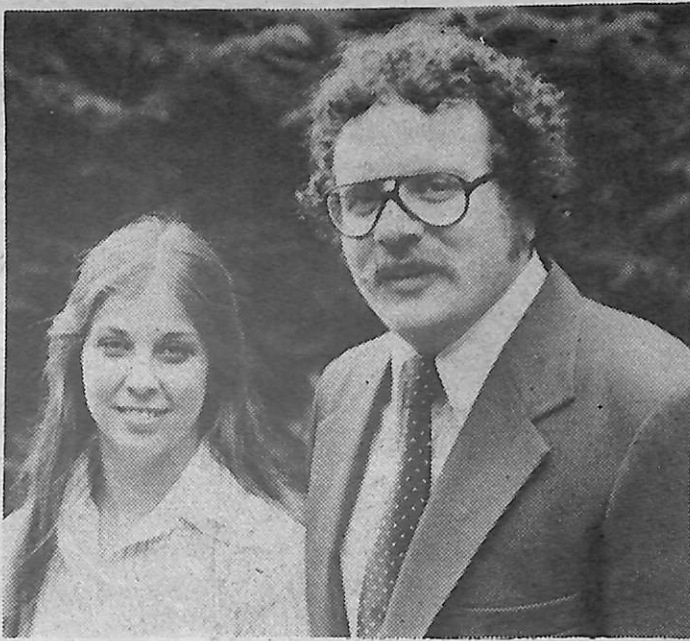
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Mary Morin Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Morin of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Loretta, to Robert Alan Zajac, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Zajac of Holyoke.

Miss Morin, a graduate of Agawam High School, attended Newton College and was graduated from Boston College. She is employed by the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security in Springfield as a bilingual senior interviewer.

Mr. Zajac was graduated from Holyoke Catholic High School, Holyoke Community College, and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is a placement specialist employed by the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security located at the Hampden District Regional Skills Center in Springfield.

A November wedding is planned.

Agawam Gallery To Host Benefit Art Show

Janice Throne, owner of the Thronja Original Art Gallery of Agawam, will hold an Art Show and Sale for the benefit of the Springfield YWCA on Sunday, October 7th from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Hatch Library of Bay Path Junior College across the street from the main campus at 588 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow.

The exhibit will feature signed original works and limited edition graphics and photographs by nationally recognized artists. A selection of Old Japanese woodcuts will be available along with small water colors by American artists of the 1800's, bronze sculpture, and a variety of antiques, both American and Oriental.

In addition, two portfolios, both collectors items, are for sale; one by Barry Moser with 50% of his woodcuts and etchings, and one by Robert Kipniss.

A wide variety of subject matter, mediums, and price ranges will be shown. A \$1 admission includes wine and cheese and is refundable upon purchase of art. Please make checks payable to the Springfield YWCA.

Thronja Gallery is well known in the Springfield area for benefitting major non-profit institutions with art events during the past eleven years.

Columbus Day Queen To Be Chosen

The 18th Columbus Day Queen will be crowned and her court will be selected on Sunday, September 23 at the Willow Glen House restaurant in East Longmeadow from 2 to 4 p.m.

To date, 24 girls, several of them from Agawam, have applied to participate in this contest.

The public is invited to attend the judging of the queen and her court free of charge. Entertainment will be provided.

Columbus Day Parade Set

The 21st Annual Columbus Day Parade sponsored by the United Italian-American Societies and Clubs of Greater Springfield will be held on Sunday, October 7th in downtown Springfield at 2 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in any way, contact Mr. Dominick DiVenuto, parade chairman, at 739-7830 or Mrs. Carol Aiken, co-chairman, at 733-9288 or write to P.O. Box 1404, Springfield, MA 01101.

Film Night Set At Library

Every Wednesday is family film night at the Agawam Public Library. The film hour is from 7 to 8 p.m., and there is one more scheduled for September. On September 26th, *Movie Stuntmen*, *Little Blue* and *Little Yellow* are slated to be shown. Agawam residents are encouraged to attend.

Lodigiani-Consolini Nuptials Announced



Mrs. Mark A. Consolini

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lodigiani of Granville, Ohio, announce the recent marriage of their daughter Catherine Ann to Mark Alan Consolini, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Consolini of 101 Doane Avenue, Agawam. The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rose Lodigiani of Ashbrook Street, Springfield.

The wedding ceremony took place on August 25th in St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church, Newark, Ohio. A reception followed the ceremony at Granville Inn, and the couple then left for a wedding trip to Florida, Washington, D.C. and New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Consolini will reside in Agawam where he is employed as a chef at Chez Josef.

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Town Manager Peter Caputo purchases a block of tickets to the Agawam Athletic Association's Monte Carlo night from Bill O'Brien, Executive Vice President of the Association. Monte Carlo Night will be held at the Polish American Club, Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, on November 16th.

Women's Club Begins Season

The 1979-80 season of the Agawam's Women's Club will begin at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Monday evening, September 24, 1979 at 7 p.m. with a covered dish supper.

The program for the evening will be a Parcel Post Auction. Charter members will be honored.

Any ladies interested in joining the club are asked to contact Mrs. Kenneth Pond, Main Street, Agawam.

Golden Agers Meet

The Agawam Golden Agers held their regular meeting on September 12 at the Senior Center on Wright Street. Gift bingo was played, and refreshments followed.

At their next meeting on September 26, they will be entertained by the Baystaters Orchestra.

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Regional PWP To Meet

Single parents from Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut will gather in Chicopee on September 22 and 23 for the quarterly conference of the Parents Without Partners Tri-State Regional Council.

The program includes educational and social activities for chapter leaders and PWP members and their families. The "Harvest Happenings Weekend" will be held at the Rodeway Inn Conference Center and highlights a workshop on PWP International and its growth.

After meetings and workshops on Saturday, the group will have dinner at 7:00 p.m. with a dance following. Sunday also includes workshops and both days include full programs for children and teens of members.

Reservations may be made through local PWP chapters and the Saturday evening dance is open to all members, prospective members and friends and requires no reservations. Ron Curran's Thursday's Child is the dance band.

The Tri-State Regional Council assists Parents Without Partners individual chapters to carry out the role of the organization in providing education and social programming for single parents and their families.

Suffield Octoberfest Craftsair

The 1979 Suffield Jaycee Wives Octoberfest Craftsair will take place Saturday, October 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hatheway House Barn just off the town green.

Admission is 75 cents. Craftsmen from all over New England selling jewelry, leather goods, pottery, Christmas decorations, etc. will be displaying their goods.

Speaker Will Address Elders

Eva Hester, Director of Volunteer Services for the State Department of Elder Affairs, will speak to the Golden Age Club of Springfield and Council on Aging members from Western Massachusetts on September 25 on volunteer programs for seniors. Ms. Hester is presently involved with a program called VISTEL, which is an acronym for Volunteers in Service to the Elderly.

Ms. Hester comes to the State Dept. of Elder Affairs with a wide range of public experience having served as a staff assistant to the House Ways and Means Committee for many years.

Council on Aging members and directors of senior centers in Western Mass. are invited to attend the meeting on September 25. Call the Western Mass. Association of Councils on Aging at 584-7520 for further information.

Community Grange

Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, September 25th, at 8 p.m. at the Grange Home on North West Street.

During the meeting, the newly-elected officers will be installed by the Chaplain of the Massachusetts State Grange Truman W. Cahill and his suite.

The officers of Community Grange to be installed are as follows: Master, Pauline Sosnowich; Overseer, Franklin C. Allen Jr.; Lecturer, Elise Bradway; Steward, Roberta Cesan; Lady Ass't Steward, Ruth Allen; Chaplain, Gertrude Nilson; Treasurer, Muriel Thayer; Secretary, Florence Blish; Gatekeeper, Alexander Sosnowich; Ceres, Lois White; Pomona, Evelyn Cordi; Flora, Maria Giroux and a member of the Executive Committee for three years, Earl Bradway.

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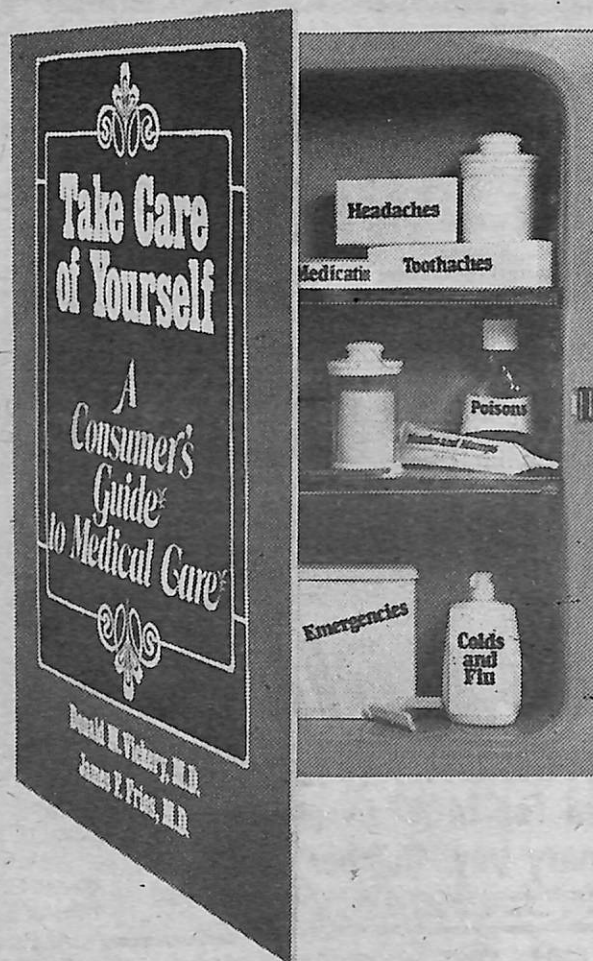
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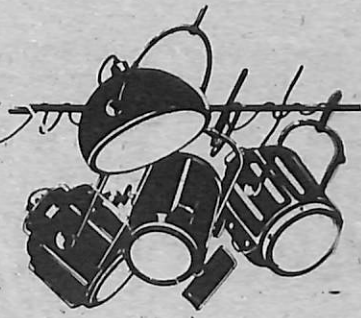
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Spotlight on Business



Casa Bella Restaurant

Casa Bella - Newest Addition To List of Agawam's Eateries

Casa Bella is owned and operated by Michael J. Grillo and opened for business on Wednesday, September 12 at 1688 Main Street, Agawam, across from Riverside Park.

It is a family restaurant featuring Italian and American food such as pizza, grinders, pasta meals, and other Italian specialties. Casa Bella also offers a full breakfast menu including a special consisting of three

eggs, toast, home fries, and coffee for \$1.29.

Plans for the future include adding seafood and more American dinners to their menu.

Casa Bella is open seven days a week - Monday through Saturday from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on Sunday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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Stebbins Appointed BayBank Executive Vice President

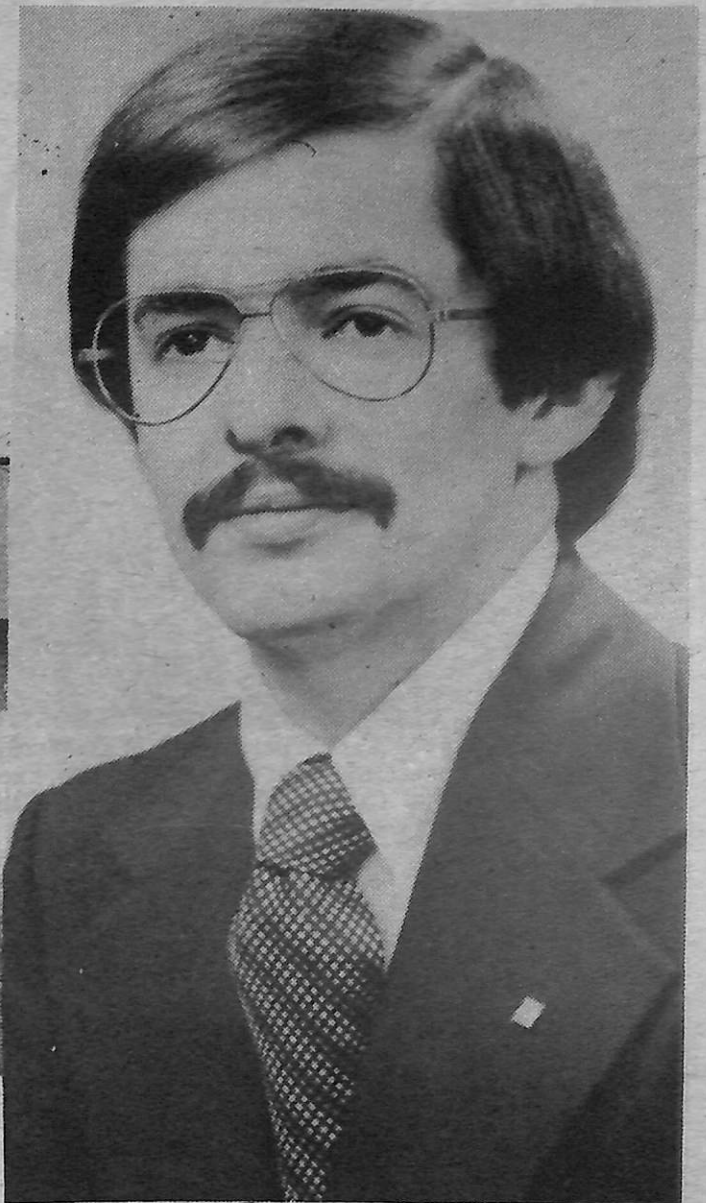
BayBank Valley Trust Company President Gordon N. Oakes, Jr., announced the appointment of Richard A. Stebbins to executive vice president.

Stebbins joins BayBank Valley from Shawmut First Bank where he has served for the past six years. Prior employment was with Colonial Bank and Trust Company (CT) and First National City Bank (NY).

A native of Holyoke, Stebbins is a graduate of Holy Cross College, Worcester, where he received a bachelor of arts degree. He also holds a masters degree from Harvard Business School.

Stebbins serves as Legislative Chairman for the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce; vice president and board member of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra; board member and instructor in the master's program at Western New England College; and board member at Stage West.

He, his wife Marie, and their four children are residents of Longmeadow.



George E. Antoine

Antoine Promoted At WESTBANK

George E. Antoine has been elected Assistant Treasurer, according to William A. Franks, Jr., President of Park West Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Antoine joined WESTBANK in 1972 as a teller and was promoted to branch manager of the Feeding Hills office in 1976.

Mr. Antoine has been active in the United Way drive, the Cancer Fund and the Heart Fund. He is also a former treasurer of the Feeding Hills March of Dimes Campaign.

A native and current resident of West Springfield, he attended local schools and Holyoke Community College.

Responsible Pet Care Week

"Help make the world a better place for pets and people" is the slogan for Responsible Pet Care Week (September 16 to 22), a national observance sponsored by the Pet Food Institute in Washington, D.C.

The objectives of Responsible Pet Care Week are to promote better standards of pet health care and training, show the joys and benefits of pet ownership, encourage consideration of neighbors, and the observance of animal control laws.

Concerned Citizens for Animals, Inc., P.O. Box 244, Westfield, invites the public to write or call (783-6062 or 562-2500) for information about spaying and neutering to help lessen the tragic pet overpopulation problem.

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Agawam High School FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

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A.H.S. Soccer Shapes Up



The Agawam High School Boys' Soccer Team is pictured above. Front row, left to right: Ken Roberts, Steve Tetreault, Dave Duclos, Bill O'Brien, and Todd Griffen. Second row: George Russell, Antonio Santaniello, Tom Sipitowski, Dave Wheeler, Bart McCarthy, John Duggan, Gene Arsenault, and Jeff Babcock. Third row: Coach Blodgett, Tony Cortese, Jim Bodurtha, Dave Beck, Dave Gilbert, Jim Duda, Shawn Grenier, and Tim Lord. photo by GAL.

Brownies Soccer Drop Two

by Charles Duclos

Agawam's varsity high school soccer team dropped two toughies this past week in some exciting action. On September 12, Coach Paul Blodgett's charges encountered Amherst here in Agawam. The first period allowed each team to test the strengths and weaknesses of the other. Billy O'Brien took a sharp shot to the eye, but undaunted, he carried on well into the period before it was realized that what appeared to be a minor cut over the eyebrow would require closer medical attention. Bill returned to the action after a quick trip with his father to the hospital.

Approximately six minutes into the second period, Amherst took a 1-0 advantage when they corner-kicked from the left side of the goal and one of their crew planted the sphere deep inside the net. The Brownies were unable to capitalize on some outstanding plays by Bart McCarthy and Steve Tetreault with backing from Jeff Duclos and Tony Cortese, and the half drew to a close.

In the second half, Dave Gilbert, the goalie, seemed to be outfitted with springs on his feet as he leaped high into the air a couple of times to prevent scores by Amherst. Tony Cortese narrowly missed a tally in a one-on-one charge against the goalie.

Amherst took a commanding 2-0 lead, but the Brownies were able to capitalize on a pass from Tom Sipitowski to Bart McCarthy, who headed one in for the

marker. With about five seconds left in the action, Amherst's goalie fumbled the ball and Todd Griffen, playing heads-up ball, tried valiantly to take advantage of the situation, but the goalie recovered. Amherst 2-Agawam 1.

September 14, we travelled to Greenfield to see Agawam drop a 2-1 decision. Playing in a steady light rainfall, the tail end of then tropical storm Fred, it would be difficult to say that this was a real soccer game in the truest sense. With all players slipping and sliding their way across the wide Missouri, the expertise of no one really showed; Lady Luck controlled most of the action and scoring.

Agawam's sole point came from Tony Santaniello on an assist by Tom Sipitowski. The Wheel of Fortune did deal some moments of steadiness to Gene Arsenault, Shawn Grenier, Steve Tetreault, Bill O'Brien, Jeff and Dave Duclos, Dave Wheeler, Bart McCarthy, and Jim Bodurtha and allowed them fleetness of foot for some good offensive and defensive action.

Agawam's record 0 wins, 2 losses, but the season's far from over. It should be noted that Amherst is in a higher-ranked division than the Brownies. If what we saw during that game is any indication of the remainder of the season, then Blodgett's boys should do well.



The Girls' Swim team at Agawam High School consists of: front row, left to right: Anna Iacolo, Karen Vangsness, Kathy Corran, Joann Contrino, and Rita Iacolo. Second row: Patrice Ross, Sue Poirier, Lori Richardson, Tammy Lucia, and Lori Clow. Third row: Coach Lisa Fenton, Kathy Thornhill, Snadee Brittain, Sue Spagnoli, Gina Iacolo, and Coach John Kosciuk. photo by Jack Devine

by Charles Duclos

Coach Paul Blodgett, soccer czar at Agawam High School, may have lost many of his senior players last year due to graduation, but undaunted, he has filled the gap with incoming seniors, juniors, and sophomores.

For the past three weeks a steady tattoo of cleats kissing off the rounded surface of the black and white could be heard at Shea's Field at varying times of the day and evening past the time when the gold of the day and the blue of the night meet.

All this has paid off for Blodgett's Boys and has put them in good shape for a couple of scrimmages against Suffield and Classical. One of the advantages of pre-season play is that it exposes all players, especially the new varsity, the opportunity of being exposed to a variety of offensive and defensive tactics that may be different from Agawam's as well as the chance to sharpen their own skills and drills.

Returning this year to the fray are Bart McCarthy, Dave Wheeler, Jim Duda, Tom Sipitowski, Gene Arsenault, Jim Bodurtha, Shawn Grenier, and goalie, Dave Gilbert. Rounding out the squad will be Dave Beck, Dave Duclos, Tim Lord, Bill O'Brien, Jeff Duclos, Tony Cortese, Todd Griffen, Tony Santaniello, Jeff Babcock, Ken Roberts, George Russell, and John Duggan.

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Brownies Pluck Tigers' Claws

By Charles Duclos

The Agawam High boys varsity and junior varsity soccer teams gallantly marched into the den of the South Hadley Tigers, and when they left, it was evident that the Brownies were more ferocious and determined than their opponents.

Coach Paul Blodgett's troops drew first blood during the opening period when Bart McCarthy netted one in from twenty yards out on a pass from Tom Sipitowski. Agawam controlled much of this segment's action.

Second quarter action saw Todd Griffen leap into the air and head one into the net from about 15 feet out and just to the left center of the cage. Griff's tally was set up on a sharp shot from Tony Cortese, Agawam led 2-0 at halftime.

Third period action saw Bart McCarthy again slip in a beauty as he left-footed one across the face of the goal, and the goal post on the right side batted in Mac's perfect strike. Shawn Grenier also counted big in this marker, as it was his big foot that set up the play.

With the Brownies leading 3-0 to within four minutes of the end of the game, South Hadley managed to slip one past goalie Dave Gilbert, who played an outstanding game at that position, as did Dave Wheeler at his forward position.

This victory gave the varsity a 1 win and 2 loss record.

JV Also Takes Win

Up the street, the junior varsity was having a field day of their own. Not to be outdone by the upperclassmen, the JV's gave their coach, Ken Roberts, a duplicate scoring victory of 3-1 over the South Hadley Tigers in the league.

Bill Egan dropped in two points, Carmen Romeo picked up a sole tally, and Dave Podgorski registered one assist. While not at this game personally, this reporter spoke to some of the JV players, and they had the highest praise for their co-player and goalie Jeff Fuller for his magnificent playing. You can't do any better than that. Congrats to all!

Brownie Flippers Rebuilding

The high school's varsity girls swim team started their season at the end of August with many new faces and recruits, including their first-year coach Lisa Fenton.

Senior captains Anna Iacolo and Karen Vangsness lead the swimmers in experience and overall skills.

Promising newcomers Lori Richardson, Kathy Thornhill, Patrice Ross, and Tammy Lucia rate high on Coach Fenton's expectation list for the coming water season. Coach Fenton said the influx of newcomers has strengthened the program, especially in the diving department.

Commented Fenton, "This is a rebuilding year. The squad lost some fine swimmers due to graduation, but the ability of the team is only surpassed by their overwhelming spirit."

Female Booters Striving For Improvement



The Agawam High School Girls' Soccer Team is pictured above. Front row, left to right: Susal Conroy, Erin Conroy, Karen Mazza, Liz Riley, Peggy Foley, Lori Costa, and Laurie Russo. Second row: Lori Woodruff, Lori Harvey, Darcey Burmeister, Renee Dalton, Lynda Kuansek, Laura Gendron, Kathy Foley and Terry Forgues. Third row, same order: Johanne Dobek, Chris Altobelli, Laurel Masi, Tami Fassnacht, Elaina Granger, Coach Barbara Stevens, Karen Barr, Kathy Lagrange, Kathy Chase, Joanne Anderson, and Kelly Lizewski. photo by GAL

Under the supervision of Coach Barbara Stevens, the Agawam High girls' soccer team kicked off their fall campaign with a tough 3-0 setback to Chicopee High School on September 13.

Although the Pacers held the scoreboard edge, the Brownies attacked the Pacers' net with authority, but failed to pull the trigger on a number of golden opportunities.

Chicopee drew first blood in first-quarter action, but were held at bay for the rest of the period behind a gutsy defense led by Lori Harvey, Kathy LeGrange, Laurel Masi, Chris Altobelli, Renee Dalton, and Karen Mazza.

Brownie forwards, headed by Kathy Chase and Susan Conroy, swarmed the Pacer goal during third-period activity. Mrs. Stevens also commended the strong play of strikers Elaina Granger, Lynda Kuansek, Lori Woodruff, Laura Gendron, and Tami Fassnacht.

"I think it was just a case where we had our chances to score, but we just couldn't capitalize," lamented Mrs. Stevens. "I think when we get some more experience under our belts, we'll score our share of goals."

In the final period, Brownie netminder Shari Baldarelli made a number of key stops to keep her mates

in contention. Baldarelli took a nasty spill midway through the stanza and was replaced by Kelly Lizewski, a young sophomore goalie.

Mrs. Stevens put her stamp of approval on the performance of both her net watchers and said the Brownies possess a sound last line of defense in the twosome.

Also meriting the coach's praise for their support were Joanne Anderson, Karen Barr, Kathy Foley, Darcey Burmeister, Erin Conroy, Lori Costa, Peggy Foley, Terry Forgues, Lauri Russo, Johanne Dobek, and Liz Riley.

Mrs. Stevens said she maintains an optimistic posture for the squad's chances as the season unravels. She pointed out that Agawam has 12 returning booters to complement 11 first year sophomores. Three walk-on seniors also entered into the booters' stables when training camp broke August 27, she further related.

Shari Baldarelli, a second-team All Western Mass. goalkeeper in 1978, noted Mrs. Stevens, provides her charges with the steady experience needed when enemy strikers buzz around the Agawam net. Miss Baldarelli has a very strong foot and can get the Brownies immediately into attack formation, says the young coach.

"Because of the people playing and with their ability, the team will be very aggressive and concentrate on putting the ball into the net. We had a rough time finishing off what we started against Chicopee, but we have too much talent for that to continue."

Added Mrs. Stevens, "The strength of this team is the depth at all positions. Because of this depth, we have the ability to change from defense to offense very quickly and can take advantage of scoring opportunities."

Field Hockey Eleven Experienced Group

With five returning varsity players and another five stick handlers moving up from the junior varsity ranks, Coach Karen Fitzgerald feels confident about the coming season.

"We're looking forward to a very competitive and successful season," she told the *Advertiser/News*.

Senior tri-captains Kathy Spellacy, Noel Girard, and Jen Ayre figure prominently in the Brownies' overall game plan. Juniors Debbie Cheetham and Paulette Girard round out Agawam's 1978 returnees.

The remainder of the starting eleven includes senior Mary Taupier and Chris Orr; juniors Denise Murray, Dawn Negrucci, Jenny Hopkins, and Joanne Landers.

Providing added depth to Mrs. Fitzgerald's ranks are Julie Thorsen, Judy Ribeiro, Karen Comer, and Karen Haughtaling.

"All the girls on the team work hard and are dedicated to the game," the head coach said. "With their excellent attitude, we cannot help but have a successful season. We need the school's support so come and root us on when we play our home games at Phelps Field," she added.

Mrs. Fitzgerald voiced concern about the status of the junior varsity. She said, "Unfortunately, there are not enough girls to form a JV team. This will definitely hurt the program in the future."

Mrs. Fitzgerald said any high school girl interested in getting involved in the program should contact Mary Wolochowicz at the high school or come to the Phelps School field.

"We cannot say enough about how important it is for the program to have a JV team," she related.

Cross Country Team Expanding This Year

The outlook for this year's Cross Country team at Agawam High appears to be fair with the largest turnout in seven years. Coach Joe Modzelewski reports this will be the first time in many years that there will be both a complete varsity and a junior varsity team.

Coach Modzelewski feels the growing jogging craze and students wanting to become involved account for the large turnout this year.

Newcomer Jeff Woods, a transfer from Southwick, will be the number one man. Modzelewski feels Jeff will be one of the premier runners in Western Mass. He is the Valley Wheel mile-run champion.

Others who will prove to be assets to the team are the Labreque brothers Troy and Todd. Both are returnees from last year's team. Modzelewski believes that this is where the success of the team lies.

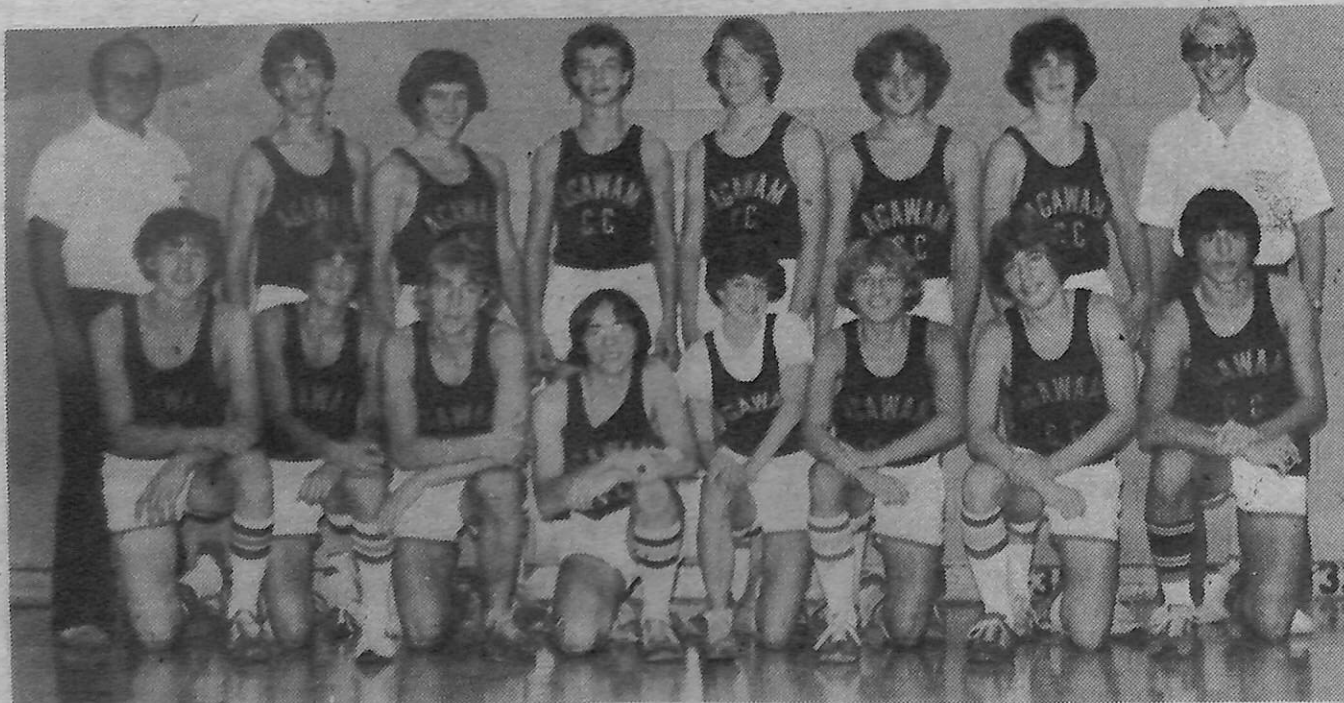
Pushing the Labreques for the second and third positions are impressive sophomores Dan Jury and Mike Atkinson. Fighting for the remaining two positions on the varsity are Doug Stoll, Tom Ritter, John Calabrese, Bill Brock, David Allen, and Randy Minet.

The team has one female member to whom Modzelewski pays this compliment: "If I had seven boys with Chris Barr's attitude and determination, we would have a champion cross country team." The coach did express disappointment in the lack of interest from girls in running cross country.

Coach Modzelewski feels that with a little luck and no injuries, this will be the best cross country team Agawam has had in eight years.



The Agawam Brownies Girls Field Hockey team is shown above. Front row, left to right: Paulette Girard, Julie Thorsen, Judy Ribeiro, Christine Orr, Noel Girard, and Jennifer Ayre. Back Row: Denise Murray, Jenny Hopkins, Dawn Negrucci, Joanne Landers, Kathy Spellacy, Debbie Cheetham, and Karen Houghtaling. Missing were Mary Taupier and Karen Cormier. photo by GAL



The Agawam High School Cross Country team is shown here. Standing, left to right: Coach Joe Modzelewski, Mike Faulkner, Bill Brock, Randy Minet, Dave Allen, John Calabrese, Mike Atkinson, and Coach Paul Dunkerley. Kneeling, same order: Brian Fogg, Dan Jury Jeff Woods, Bill Butman, Christine Barr, Troy Labreque, Todd Labreque, and Doug Stoll. photo by GAL

FALL SCHEDULE

1979

1979 GIRLS' SOCCER

Coach - Mrs. Stevens
Site - High School
Time - 3:30 P.M.

September	13	Chicopee	Away	
	15	Holyoke	Away	
	18	Chicopee Comp.	Home	
	20	E. Longmeadow	Away	
	25	Ludlow	Away	
	26	Commerce	Home	
October	3	Cathedral	Home	
	6	Longmeadow	Away	
	10	Holyoke	Home	
	12	Westfield	Away	
	15	Chicopee Comp.	Away	
	17	E. Longmeadow	Home	
	19	West Springfield	Away	
	23	Longmeadow	Home	
	24	Minnechaug	Home	
	30	Classical	Home	
November	1	Commerce	Away	3:00 P.M.
	5	Westfield	Home	3:00 P.M.

1979 GIRLS' SWIMMING

Coach - Denise Cardova
Site - Jr. High
Time - 3:30 P.M.

September	11	Chicopee Comp.	Away	
	14	Holyoke Catholic	Home	
	18	Holyoke	Away	4:00 P.M.
	25	Chicopee	Home	
	28	Easthampton	Home	
October	2	Chicopee Comp.	Home	
	5	West Springfield	Home	
	8	Columbus Day Relay		
		at Longmeadow		
	10	E. Longmeadow	Away	
	16	Westfield	Away	
	19	Classical	Away (Kiley Jr. High)	
	23	Chicopee	Away	
	26	Holy Catholic	Away (Holyoke H.S.)	
	30	Holyoke	Home	4:00 P.M.
November	2	Easthampton	Away (White Brook Middle School)	
	6	South Hadley	Home	
	10 & 11	Western Mass. Championship		

1979 JUNIOR HIGH SOCCER

Head Coach - Mr. D. Smith
Site - Junior High
Time - 3:30 P.M.

September	12	Ludlow	Away	
	17	Minnechaug	Home	
	19	West Springfield	Away	
	25	Longmeadow	Home	
	28	Chicopee	Away	
October	8	E. Longmeadow	Home	
	15	Ludlow	Home	
	18	E. Longmeadow	Away	
	22	West Springfield	Home	
	24	Chicopee	Home	
	31	Minnechaug	Away	
November	1	Longmeadow	Away	

1979 CROSS COUNTRY

Coach - Mr. Modzelewski
Site - High School
Time - 3:30

September	14	Palmer	Home	
	17	West Springfield	Away	
	21	Longmeadow	Home	
	24	Amherst	Home	
	28	South Hadley	Away	
October	1	Ludlow	Home	
	5	E. Longmeadow	Away	
	12	Southwick	Away	
	15	Minnechaug	Away	
	19	Valley Wheel Individuals		
	22	Westfield	Home	
	24	Classical	Home	
	27	Western Mass.		

1979 BOYS' VARSITY - JV SOCCER

Head Coach - Mr. Blodgett
Site - High School
Time - 3:30 P.M.

September	12	Amherst	Home	
	14	Greenfield	Away	
	17	South Hadley	Away	
	19	Tech	Home	
	22	Westfield	Away	
	25	Longmeadow	Away	
	28	Holyoke	Away	
October	2	Commerce	Home	
			(Varsity)	
	4	Putnam	Home	
	8	E. Longmeadow	Away	
	12	Greenfield	Home	
	16	South Hadley	Home	
	18	E. Longmeadow	Home	
	19	Northampton	Home	
	22	Tech	Away	
	25	Commerce	Away	
			(Varsity)	
	29	Putnam	Away	
	31	Minnechaug	Home	

1979 FIELD HOCKEY - VARSITY & JV

Head Coach - Mrs. Fitzgerald
Assistant Coach - Miss Wolochowicz
Site - Varsity - High School
JV - James Clark
Time - 3:15 P.M.

September	13	Northampton	Home	
	17	East Longmeadow	Home	
	20	Ludlow	Away	
	25	Minnechaug	Home	
	27	Longmeadow	Away	
October	1	Southwick	Away	
	4	Amherst	Home	
	8	South Hadley	Home	
	11	East Longmeadow	Away	
	15	Ludlow	Home	
	18	Minnechaug	Away	
	22	Longmeadow	Home	
	25	Southwick	Home	
	29	Amherst	Away	
November	1	South Hadley	Away	
	5	West Springfield	Away	
	7	Northampton	Away	

1979 FOOTBALL - VARSITY

Head Coach - John Michalak
Site - High School

September	14	Minnechaug	Away	7:00 P.M.
	22	Taconnic	Away	1:30 P.M.
	29	Drury	Away	1:30
October	5	Chicopee	Away	8:00 P.M.
	13	Holyoke	Home	1:30
	20	Westfield	Away	1:30
	27	Chicopee Comp.	Home	1:30
November	3	Cathedral	Home	1:30
	10	Milford	Away	1:30
	22	West Springfield	Home	10:30 A.M.

JV FOOTBALL

Coach - William Sapelli
Site - High School
Time - 3:15 P.M.

September	17	Minnechaug	Away	
	24	Taconnic	Home	
October	1	West Springfield	Away	
	8	Chicopee	Home	
	15	Holyoke	Away	
	22	Westfield	Home	
	29	Chicopee Comp.	Away	
November	5	Cathedral	Away	



JR. HIGH FOOTBALL

Coach - Mr. Young
Site - Jr. High
Time - 3:15 P.M.

September	14	Minnechaug	Home	
	21	Longmeadow	Home	
	28	West Springfield	Away	
October	5	Chicopee	Home	
	19	Westfield	Home	
	26	Chicopee Comp.	Away	
November	2	Cathedral	Away	

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

I read with great interest the article in your newspaper on September 13, 1979 regarding an "Airport" committee and some proposals coming forth in reference to the land at Bowles Airport.

My first observation is either someone is attempting to create a job for themselves or it's a charade to attempt to block a future opening of a racetrack on that site. I don't know about, but I'm a little tired of big government and I can't imagine the citizens of Agawam allowing a new agency to be formed for any reason. Look at government now and guess what could happen here.

Step I is always the "study" committee. Step II the politician on the committee is chosen to "head" the committee. Step III the committee "Head" becomes so busy that he must be "hired" by the community to "keep up the good work." Step IV this new "director" needs a secretary, staff assistance, consultant, advisor, etc., so Step V, we now have a staff, office, personnel, payroll, retirement, insurance, union, vacations, and on and on. Logically, Step VI is to give everyone on the staff (now well entrenched, immovable, non-productive, and with tenure) a raise so we can see their "report" which we have waited for with baited breath!! Watch out, here comes number VII. The great report says "Take some taxpayers money, buy the land, take more taxpayers money, develop the land, and now that we have created this "well staffed, well paid" agency, allow this agency to run the whole thing." Of course they have to, we can't fire them, they are now in our wallets and, don't forget, always at "no expense" to the taxpayers. Sound familiar? Seems to me I've heard that song before!

Of course, now that this "monolith" has been created, staffed and has its hand in our pockets, it must be fed so here comes Step VIII. The "director" (former politician) has decided the agency must be "expanded" to do other things. Logically, Step IX, we must expand the staff to cover our new duties and responsibilities to the Town of Agawam.

Step X, "A larger staff is more responsibility, so we must give everyone a raise so they can spend the extra time to train the new people they have hired to expand the agency."

Sound like a fairy tale? Look at your known taxes: Real estate, Excise, Sales, Food, Gasoline, Meals, Social Security, Income, Unemployment, etc. TAXES. I've found I can't afford anymore "Free Government," it's too expensive!! Tell me you're happy about your taxes and want another government agency, then I'll reconsider my position on NO MORE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN AGAWAM.

Alfred F. Grise
Main Street
Agawam

To The Editor:

Having just returned from vacation, I read with interest a news article of a week-old paper the statements from the Town Manager Peter Caputo concerning threats, harassment and attacks on him, his family, and animals.

In discussing cases of this nature, one must understand the frustration behind them. If all else fails, try sympathy. As for harassing phone calls to Peter Caputo's home, I believe that to be very unlikely as he has an unlisted phone number and, as I understand it, even the town councilors do not know his number, with the exception perhaps of Richie Theroux. Now we come to the pile of "hate mail" that Peter Caputo claims he "threw away." With all his supposed expertise in police work and his "life experience" (as he calls it) Mr. Caputo should know you don't throw evidence away. As for the cruelty to his pet cat, I have lived in Agawam a good number of years and I do not believe anyone here would be so cruel. I would like to verify the fact with Mr. Caputo's veterinarian. I'm sorry but in view of Caputo's track record, I cannot believe any of the above. The Police Chief's statement that someone would be put to watch the Caputo home justifies the fact that everyone laughed at his being made the chief. You don't advertise to catch a thief.

If, in fact, the above complaints are valid, then perhaps Peter Caputo should investigate his own camp. They most likely know his phone number and this could be their way of "getting to him" he said as he wept, which gives way to the next episode, "the Childish Syndrome."

Peter Caputo claims the recent events as attacks on the Council-Manager form of government. Of course, he makes his living this way.

I voted for a manager form of government, but didn't get what I voted for. After six years and two managers, I believe that the political games in Agawam can only be halted by either a mayor whom the people themselves will elect or a veteran to our selectmen and a manager. A Very Concerned Citizen

To The Editor:

Recently Dear Abby had an article about a woman Bingoholic. As we all know, no one is perfect as we all have our own favorite interests and you can add *aholic* after each one. Example: watching T.V., movies, and sports. Other people spend many hours and dollars playing golf, tennis, bowling, drinking at local bars. Others gamble with the state lotteries which gives you the worst astronomical odds possible, the biggest ripoff possibly known. Other people smoke, take pot and drugs like valium.

The point I am driving at is that we all have our weaknesses. It is up to how much will power, character, and composure a person has to react to all these temptations of over excess and becoming an *aholic* of their own desires which this country allows and seems to encourage because we seem to do nothing about discouraging.

This now brings up the subject of horse racing. Why should a person whose favorite sport is racing be deprived of having to see it locally instead of having to drive many miles? At this point, it is not too late to do something. What you must do is call your councilman and tell him you want TAXES LOWERED and to take all action possible to get going on any introduction of business enterprises who will help do it. Do not wait till its too late and other towns with an open eye take advantage of the open date. We will look like fools later as all the cars drive through town and we have to add the police force to maintain the traffic speed to evade possible accidents which might happen. By having it here, we are on the fringe area of all highways which reduces the odds.

At present, it is costing us to maintain extra police for the Big E crowds for which we receive no compensation. With racing in Agawam, we will at least get our taxes lowered and go in the right direction, and it will bring in more business because business breeds business. We need it very much to help LOWER TAXES.

Deeply Concerned Citizen

Excise Tax Reduction Makes It To Petition

Elaina Bonavita, Agawam resident and chairman of the Mass. Excise T Party, received word from Boston that the petitions in favor of reducing auto excise tax will be delivered on Thursday, September 27, at 7:30 p.m. to the Agawam Library on Cooper Street. Don Cassidy, director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, will deliver the petitions, and anyone interested in getting signatures may pick one up.

After a bill to repeal the auto excise tax failed to receive a favorable recommendation from the taxation committee in Boston, Miss Bonavita met with the Citizens for Limited Taxation for a series of meetings. According to Miss Bonavita, walking away from the excise tax could not be justified. "It is unconstitutional and a violation of one's right to own and acquire property, not to mention it is outdated and only seven states have the auto excise tax," she stated.

As a result of efforts on the part of both the CLT and the Mass. Excise T Party, a reduction of the excise tax by 62% found its way to Proposition 2½. "What this means, according to Miss Bonavita, is that instead of \$66 per thousand assessment per auto, it will be \$25 per thousand assessment should this become law.

Hampden County will only have to be responsible for obtaining a minimum of 5,000 signatures due to the merger with the CLT. A total of 60,000 signatures is necessary for any petition to become law.

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voted 14-0 not to grant the funds to transfer the ambulance to a private company.

Appropriation Passed For Blue Cross

Another item proposed for the supplemental budget was a \$25,000 appropriation to cover the council's acceptance of provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts dealing with providing Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage to retired persons. This proposal passed on a 10-4 vote with Councilors Cincotta, Nardi, Paleologopoulos, and Theroux voting in the negative.

Passing this item along with the \$60,000 project for converting the furnaces in five of the town's schools to burn natural gas brought the total supplemental budget to \$85,000. As it now goes over the 4% tax cap recommended by Governor King, this supplemental budget must now be approved by the State before a tax rate can be set. Caputo had stated that the entire \$214,000 supplemental budget as originally recommended would have meant \$1.00 off the proposed tax cut of \$4-\$6.

Firefighters Complete EMT School

Five Agawam firefighters have recently completed a three month Emergency Medical Technician course at Springfield Technical Community College. Ken Blair, Hugh Kerr, Larry Grady, Allen Boissonneault, and Dave Pisano were the graduates.

The course ran from June through August and included 81 hours of class work in advanced life support, observation at emergency rooms of area hospitals, automobile extrication, and swimming and diving emergencies conducted at Springfield College.

The men are all scheduled to take the October 6th national registry exam, which, when passed, will enable them to operate the town's ambulance.

These five men will bring the total number of EMT-firefighters on the Agawam Fire Department to 12 and will allow for rotation of men between firefighting and ambulance duty. Presently, the ambulance responds to all building fires, and the men assume the functions of firefighters. At those times, and at all other times, they are available to answer calls for the ambulance.

The number of emergencies handled by the Fire Department with the ambulance has increased dramatically this past summer. In June, the ambulance answered 67 calls, up from 36 in June, 1978. July saw 91 runs as compared to 58 in July, 1978, and August had 76 runs against 65 for August, 1978. This averages 2.5 emergencies per day and 78 per month.

The Agawam Firefighters Local 1973 congratulates the five men for their completion of the EMT course and their dedication to the welfare of the people of Agawam. They look forward to providing a Class A ambulance service, free to the people of Agawam through the Fire Department.

Adult Ed. Classes Continue Registration

Registration for the Agawam Adult Education classes will continue for several weeks. Students will register in the class they attend.

Monday - Middle School - oil painting, wood carving

Jr. High School - chair caning, vestamayd rugs, tailoring

Tuesday - High School - bookkeeping, creative crafts

Jr. High School - gourmet cooking, beginners' sewing, furniture refinishing, needlepoint, advanced decorated ware

Wednesday - High School - cake decorating, typing, pottery

Jr. High School - colonial metal, furniture refinishing, chair caning

Thursday - Jr. High School - calligraphy, decorated ware (beginners), advanced sewing

High School - cake decorating, stenography, advanced needlepoint

Anyone may register at this time and there is a standard fee of \$10 per course. Senior Citizens are welcome to attend any class free of charge.

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More Desirable

Councilors John Bartnik and Donald Laduzinski said that setting up a supplemental budget was more desirable than dipping into the General Reserve Fund or into the free cash account.

Councilor John McNamara appeared upset that Caputo failed to study each department budget in order to find sufficient money to fund the project.

Pointing to the council's approved transfer of approximately \$2,700 into the Police Department's budget for salaries and equipment earlier in the meeting, McNamara commented to the manager, "If you can find money to put into the police budget then I think you can go back and do your homework and find some money for this."

Caputo defended his recommendation by noting that locating \$60,000 in department budgets would be virtually impossible, adding, "We set up very tight budgets for all departments this year. The money just wouldn't be there."

Miodowski's plan calls for converting furnaces at Phelps, Granger, Robinson Park, and Peirce elementary schools and at the Middle School. Miodowski told the councilors at the August 27 work session that the new library and the high school are currently being converted to gas heat. The Municipal Building Committee, says Miodowski, is overseeing the operation.

Legal Notices Accepted

Sports

Local Man's Drag Racer Featured At The Big E



The "Eastern Raider," a professional drag race car partly-owned by Les Gibbs of L & M Auto Service at 80 Ramah Circle in Agawam, will be on display at the Big E for the first time this year. The car, competing in the super-charged fuel Funny Car category, will be one of the featured exhibits located behind the Farmarama Building.

The racer is a brand new 1980 Mustang replica which was just completed to compete in the 1980 racing season. It features a 2,400 horsepower aluminum magnesium power plant and is designed to attain speeds of over 250 miles per hour.

This vehicle is valued at more than \$50,000 and is one of fewer than 50 of its kind competing in the nation.

Along with Les Gibbs, who is vice president of Pro-Race, Inc. of Enfield, will be Al Hanna, president, to be in attendance at the exhibit to discuss his 15 years in the professional drag racing field. The car has previously appeared throughout the United States and Canada, but is at the Big E for the first time.

Park And Rec Offers Fall Programs

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department is taking sign-ups for the following programs in their fall schedule. For further information, you may contact the office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 786-0400, ext. 233 or 234.

RECREATION OPEN SWIM SCHEDULE:

SESSION: Oct. 4th-Dec. 6th (10 weeks)
TIME: Thursday 7:30-9 p.m.

SESSION: Oct. 7th-Dec. 9th (10 weeks)
TIME: Sunday 2-5 p.m.
LOCATION: Agawam Junior High pool

REGISTRATION: not required
FEE: 50 cents per person (pay guard at the pool)

YOUTH SWIM INSTRUCTION Co-sponsored by the Agawam Athletic Association

SESSION: Beginners, Adv. Beginners, Intermediate
TIME: Saturdays, 9-9:45 a.m. (10 weeks) Oct. 6-Dec. 8

SESSION: Beginners, Adv. Beginners, Intermediate
TIME: Saturdays, 10-10:45 a.m. (10 weeks) Oct. 6-Dec. 8

SESSION: Adv. Beginners, Intermediates, Swimmer
TIME: 11-11:45 a.m. (10 weeks) Oct. 6-Dec. 8

SESSION: INTRODUCTION TO LIFESAVING
TIME: Thursdays 6-7:30 p.m. (pool); 7:30-9 (class in caf)

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High pool
REGISTRATION: Parks and Rec office
FEE: none

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Tom Pirnie; Assistants Jeff Richardson and Linda Catchepaugh
Certified Red Cross Instructors will conduct classes

YOUTH GYMNASTICS INSTRUCTION

Classes are limited to 30 per class on a first come-first served basis. Release forms must be signed by a parent or guardian before the child may participate.

SESSION: Oct. 6-Dec. 8 (10 weeks)
TIME: Saturdays 9-9:45 (4 & 5 year olds)
9:45-10:30 (beginners 6 and up)
10:30-11:15 (intermed. 6 and up)
11:15-12:00 (advanced 6 and up)

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High gym
REGISTRATION: Parks & Rec office
FEE: none
INSTRUCTORS: Janet Murray, Lisa Hadden, Paula Hadden, and 8 LeeAnn Mercadante

BELLY DANCE INSTRUCTION

This program offers physical exercise as well as instruction in the beginning movements in belly dancing.

SESSION: Oct. 1-Dec. 3 (10 weeks)
TIME: 6:30-7:30 beginner class
7:30-8:30 advanced beginner
LOCATION: Agawam Middle School gym
REGISTRATION: Parks and Rec office
FEE: \$10 for 10 lessons (limit 30 to class)
INSTRUCTOR: Willie Fortini

CIVIC ORGANIZATION GYM & SWIM

The Junior High School gym and the pool are available to Agawam civic groups and clubs through reservations. There is a 50 cents fee per person. A life guard is provided.

SESSION: October - March
TIME: Fridays 7-8 p.m. gym time
8-9 p.m. pool time

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School
REGISTRATION: Parks and Rec office
FEE: 50 cents per person (to lifeguard at pool)
ADULT SELF DEFENSE

This course provides the necessary skills and knowledge in protecting oneself. Advisable for persons of all ages, excellent exercise.

SESSION: Oct. 3 - Nov. 21 (8 weeks)
TIME: Wednesdays 6-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School
REGISTRATION: Parks and Rec office
FEE: \$10 per person
INSTRUCTOR: David Skolnick

MEN'S ADULT VOLLEYBALL

An informal program of volleyball for men; also provides exercise and fun.

SESSION: Oct. 2 to December 4, 1979 (10 weeks)
TIME: Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Robinson Park Elementary School Gym
REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office
REGISTRATION FEE: \$12.00 per session

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN RECREATION

This program is run in connection with children advocacy program.

SESSION: Oct. 6-Dec. 8
TIME: Saturdays 12 to 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Agawam Middle School bandrm. & gym
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Welcome To My World

by Charles Duclos

Complaint Department

The only serious complaint that we heard after the Greenfield soccer swim-along came not from the coach nor from the players, but from a few mothers who did question the infinite wisdom of those who selected white (which looked almost black after the mud bath) uniforms for the team.

A.S.P.A. Car Wash

The Agawam Soccer Parents' Association will conduct a car wash for the benefit of the high school's varsity men and women's soccer teams scholarship fund. The event will be held on September 29 at the Agawam Middle School from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The donation will be one Susan B. Anthony or one George Washington (\$1.00). Tickets will be available from the high school soccer players or the cheerleaders. Drive-ins will be welcomed and appreciated on the day of the wash. The rain date will be September 30.

3'A Zap Monson

Coach Bill O'Brien's 13-14 girls' soccer team, playing in the Pioneer Valley Soccer Association and being sponsored by the Agawam Athletic Association, had a field day last Saturday as they had an easy win over Monson. Playing on a neutral field in Ludlow, O'Brien's girls sank 9 points into the net to win their season's opening game. Michelle Quaglini tallied twice, while singles were made by Jennifer O'Brien, Diane Goodman, Julie Miodowski, Kelly Slamon, Linda Desmaris, who, incidentally, was playing in her first game, Karen Albano, and Debbie Dalton.

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Yacteen's first robbery into the end zone changed the game's entire complexion at the 6:34 mark of period two. His jaunt, covering 54 yards, stunned the Falcons - they never recovered.

"The only thing that bothered me was that we gave them a lot of early breaks. If they had capitalized on one, it would have changed things considerably," analyzed Michalak.

On Minnechaug's next possession, linebacker Joe Pezzimenti pounced on a loose pigskin at the Agawam 48. Enter that turf-eating machine led by control panel specialist Rick LeClerc.

LeClerc's confidence in directing the veer attack is mounting - his ball handling resembles a well-drilled backcourt ace in hoop. Junior halfback Dave Stuart took three LeClerc handoffs totalling 23 yards before lightening senior halfback Dan Beaudette darted into the end zone from 22 yards out for a 14-0 Agawam advantage. LeClerc followed with the extra point, his second of four.

Once the second half unravelled, the Brownie running game into high gear. Behind Roberts, the backs found gaping holes in the Falcon line.

A bomb from LeClerc to Yacteen covering 47 yards penetrated the locals deep into Minnechaug territory only to have a third fumble temporarily extinguish another chance for a seven-pointer. No matter.

The defense stopped the hosts in three plays, forcing apunt. From their own 26-yard line, the Brownies marched 76 big ones in just five downs. A 26-yarder by Stuart and a 13-yard scamper by Beaudette set up senior

fullback Kurt Toomey for an easy 20 run to the flag at the 4:28 mark of the third stanza. It was 28 zip and Agawam loyalists were basking in their squad's most impressive opener in years.

For the record, Beaudette led all ball carriers with 95 yards on 13 carries, followed by Stuart who checked in with 82 yards on 9 attempts. Added with LeClerc's 48 yards, the Brownies tallied 283 yards the infantry route.

As for LeClerc, his passing figures read five of eight for 103 yards. That makes 396 yards total offense. Agawam fumbled twice deep in Falcon territory. It could have been much worse for Tom Sawyer's green-clad boys.

"Both our lines took over the ball game," Michalak commented. "The defense just grew in confidence as the game progressed. As for the offensive line, we all know what they can do."

The Falcons tabulated a scant 8 first downs compared to Agawam's 16. The locals controlled the clock for 32 minutes compared to Minnechaug's 16 minutes.

"We try to establish our running game every week to control the clock. We have the line to do it so why not use them?" Michalak offered.


The Agawam Booster Club in cooperation with the coaches named Yacteen as defensive player of the game and tagged Roberts as the outstanding offensive performer for tearing holes in the Falcon line.

The head mentor placed his seal of approval on the efforts of seniors Mike Longhi and Vinny Kortabani, two tough defensive linemen.



CLIPPED WINGS: Minnechaug's Kevin Dorsey (44) is wrapped up by Agawam's Abe Yacteen (right) and an unidentified defender Saturday. Yacteen was named the game's outstanding defensive performer by the Brownie coaches and the Agawam Booster Club. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

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Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

"Gramps, why do birds sing?" asked my oldest grandson Brian with a very serious look on his face. I was ready to come back with a wisecrack until I noticed the expression on his inquisitive puss.

"Oh, boy, here we go again," I thought. I replied, "Let me think about it for tonight and I will give you an answer tomorrow." "Okay," he quipped and flew through the door to play with the dog in the backyard.

Research was in order that night. In case you get the same inquiry from a young and searching mind, I will share what I came up with.

First, a bird's song is a succession of musical notes repeated in a recognizable pattern. Of the world's 8,600 or so bird species, nearly half are songbirds, and it's usually the male of a species that does the singing.

Their songs, which young birds must learn from adults, are closely connected to nesting and mating. Birds use their melodies - some species have a repertoire of half a dozen (listen to the mockingbird in the evening) - to define their nesting territories and woo their mates. Aside from all these practical reasons, some researchers now believe that birds, like people, sing just for the "sheer joy of it." Gee, I remember my dad talking about the "chippies" of Lyman Street many years ago. I reckon they received their name from the many whistles they received when they sauntered by on the sidewalk in the evening.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE SALMON GONE?

The State of Maine has closed its rivers to salmon fishing; Canada has restricted the angling for salmon for the rest of the year.

Most of the fish missing from our rivers this year are three year old fish. In the years between 1977, when some may have first returned to the rivers as grise, and 1979, when the three seayear salmon should have returned, we have seen a steadily increasing massacre of salmon.

For example: North American salmon are first exploited by drift-netting off Greenland (approximately 350,000 salmon annually), followed by heavy inshore netting as they move through waters near Newfoundland (approximately 600,000 salmon annually), then in the area off the Maritime Provinces and Quebec, where they face a maze of cod traps, mackerel nets, groundfish gill nets, herring nets and multispecies traps that take an additional 250,000 salmon annually.

In 1977, the most recent year for which published statistics are available, anglers took 127,000 salmon in Canada - a very small proportion of the total harvest in other fisheries.

Add it all up and it is not hard to understand that not enough adult salmon are reaching the spawning grounds. Those lucky enough to reach the rivers face nightly raids by gangs of poachers armed with nets and walkie-talkies.

On top of all the above-mentioned hazards faced by the luckless salmon, a new hazard, "acid rain," is having far-reaching effects. Acid rain from the North Central America is now identified as one of the reasons for the decline of salmon in some of the East Coast Canadian rivers.

"Acid rain" is rain that is actually a dilute sulphuric or nitric acid carried by prevailing winds to the east coast from air pollution in the highly-industrialized parts of the United States and Ontario. It is produced by emitted sulphur and nitrogen oxides and water vapor in the atmosphere.

Now I ask you, where have all the salmon gone?

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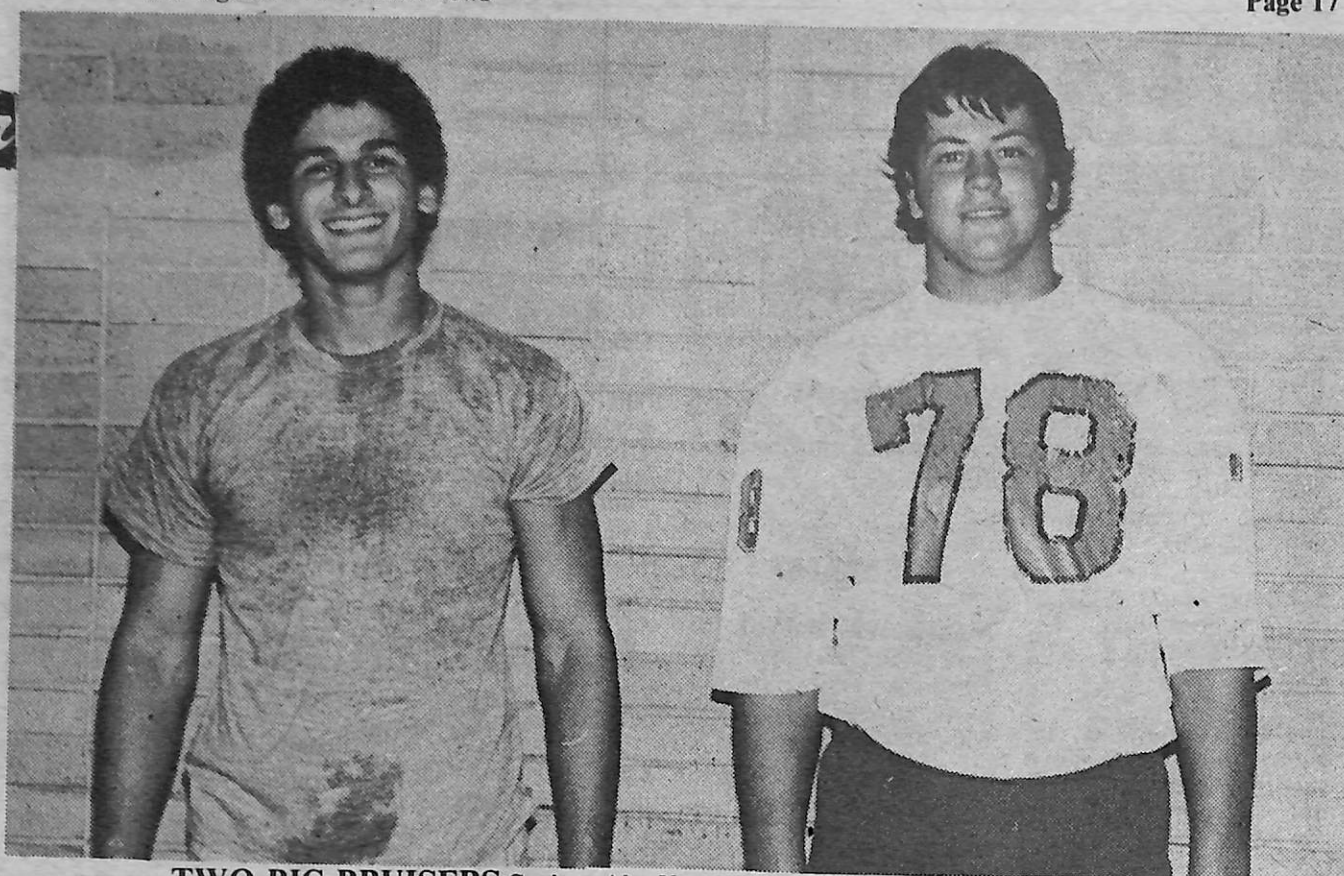
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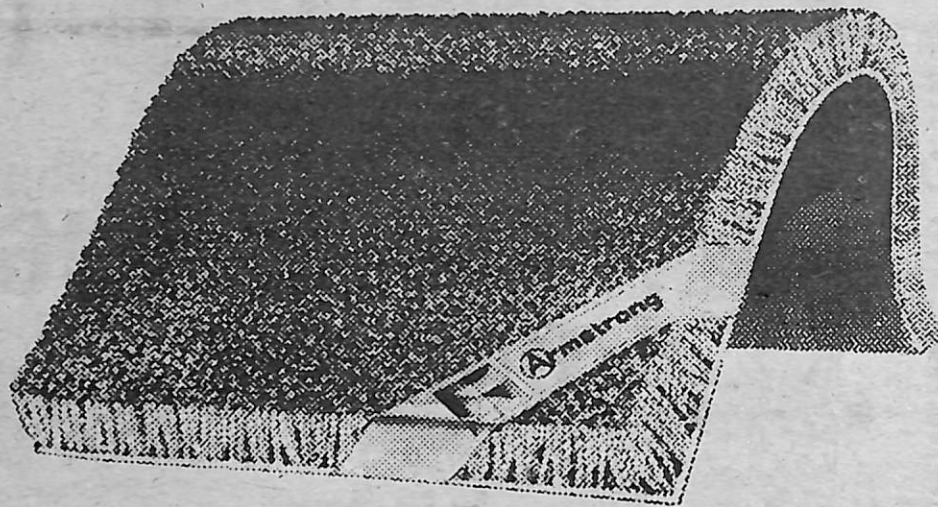
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TWO BIG BRUISERS: Seniors Abe Yacteen (left) and Larry Roberts were named by the Agawam Booster Club as defensive and offensive players of the week respectively. Yacteen intercepted two passes for touchdowns during Agawam's impressive 28-6 shalacking of Minnechaug Saturday. Yacteen also cam up from his safety position to help shut off the Falcon running game. Roberts was instrumental in crunching Falcon lineman as Agawam totaled nearly 400 yards total offense. According to coach Jack Michalak, "Roberts was moving guys 8-10 yards downfield throughout the afternoon. Each senior will receive two free passes to the Showcase Cinema's. This week's gift certificates were sponsored by the Book Shelf in Feeding Hills. Owner of the Book Shelf is Albert Bonavita. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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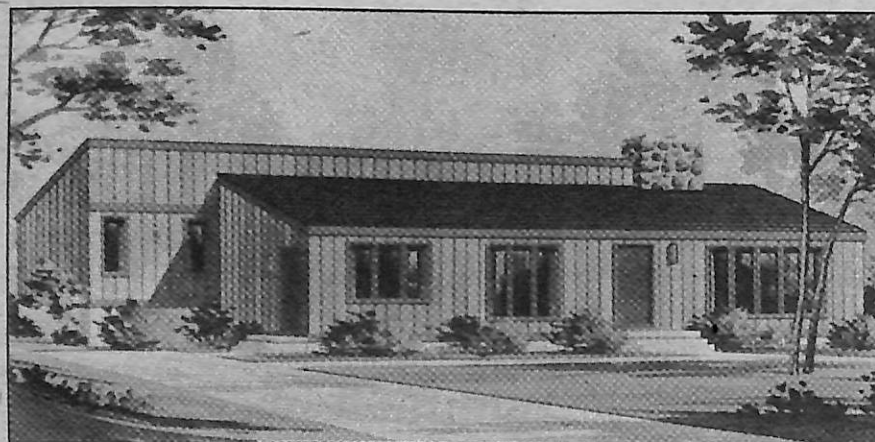


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Mrs. Sandlin Announces Candidacy For School Committee

Rosemary (Alajanian) Sandlin today made her formal announcement for the Agawam School Committee.

Mrs. Sandlin states: "I have a personal interest in many areas of the school budget and educational programs developed by the School Committee. During my door-to-door campaign in all areas of the town, I have spoken to many of the town residents, and I find that they believe as I do. New ideas and a new approach to the educational problems in this community should be met with far more open communications between teachers and the parents to arrive at solutions instead of ignoring the situations."

Mrs. Sandlin further stated, "The school budget affects all taxpayers, therefore, we should strive to improve the quality of education for every dollar spent. If elected, I will do my best to work harmoniously with all members of the School Committee and all people within the community."

Mrs. Sandlin is a lifelong Agawam resident, having been educated in the Agawam School System starting with Katherine G. Danahy School and graduating from Agawam High School in 1964. Mrs. Sandlin has also attended Northampton Commercial College.

Mrs. Sandlin has received recognition for her service in the community by the Agawam Jayceettes, who named her Agawam Young Woman of the Year in 1977. She was also the recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Agawam Athletic Association in 1977.

She is actively involved in the Sacred Heart Parish Council, past chairman of the Communication Commission and presently chairman of the Youth Commission. She is an executive board member of the Agawam Athletic Association, auditor for the Hampden County Democrats, and past chairperson of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee, and presently holds the position of secretary. She is presently serving on the Agawam Housing Authority and is P.T.O. representative of Granger School.

Mrs. Sandlin is employed as a market researcher by the Western Massachusetts Interviewing Service. She resides at 90 Granger Drive in Feeding Hills with her husband Herman and children George, Lee Anne, John and Paul.



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Brownies Gundown Falcons; Streak Over



HEADING FOR PAYDIRT:Senior fullback Kurt Toomey races past the out stretched arms of Minnechaug's Greg Devalle for the fourth Agawam touchdown late in the third quarter. Toomey's TD covered 20 yards. Agawam won, 28-6. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine



TOUGH YARDAGE:Senior quarter-back Ricky LeClerc (10) fumbles for a short gainer during second period action against Minnechaug. LeClerc totaled 149 yards running and passing to help the Brownies snap Minnechaug's 21 game unbeaten streak. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Two seasons without a defeat, covering 21 consecutive games, two Suburban League championships, two Western Mass. Super Bowls, thoughts of continued glory, of another unblemished season.

It all came tumbling to earth in a thud...the mighty Minnechaug Falcons had finally met their match...the upstart Agawam Brownies blasted the Wilbraham birds 28-6 in the season opener for both squads Saturday.

Believe it, this one was a one-sided affair. The Brownies gave the hosts a football lesson, as one renowned football commentator would say. The townies had something to prove, especially the defense, a unit under much suspect in pre-game chit-chat.

Senior Abe Yacteen, of wide receiver fame, ignited the beginning of the end of Minnechaug's marvelous win streak with two - count 'em, two - second quarter interceptions which he artfully returned for touchdowns. Yacteen sees double duty on both defense and offense, and believe it, he's All Western Mass. caliber on each end of the stick.

Yacteen's second theft thrust Agawam to a command position of 21-0 late in the first half. Minnechaug quarterback Greg DeVallee sent a Western Union candygram to the Agawam secondary when he faded back to pass. The ball deflected off the hands of one of two Brownie backs patrolling the area where DeVallee's intended receiver was supposed to be. Yacteen calmly grabbed the hot potato and waltzed into the end zone from about 25 yards out.

But, as winning coach Jack Michalak correctly stated, Yacteen's heroics only helped place the entire defense into the spotlight. They were mean and a gang-tackling bunch - a group that bent on occasion, but never quite broke. Shades of 1978.

"Our defensive line played very well. Glenn Geddis (89) did an excellent job. They were Sloppy at times, but were strong when they had to be," he noted in reference to the orange and brown defenders.

The once high-powered Falcon attack, which averaged in the neighborhood of 35 points per outing last year,

sputtered. Past brilliance surfaced briefly when senior halfback Kevin Dorsey scampered 49 yards to paydirt midway through the final 12 minutes.

By that time the game had been decided at 28-6. The Brownies had clamped the Falcons into a one play offense - a QB option that found outside yardage from time to time. Inside, Larry Roberts and company clipped the Falcons' wings. Minnechaug mustered just 148 yards total offense and both DeVallee and backup QB William Follansbee were picking themselves off the turf all afternoon.

Oddly enough, the Brownies started the contest like the Bad News Bears and looked somewhat muddled.

The townies fumbled the ball twice and committed another miscue when a Falcon punt struck senior Bill Blackak square on the shoulder pads while on the coverage upfield. The offense had moved the ball, but after some 16 minutes of action, the scoreboard registered goose eggs for both sides.

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